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RE: R. Wyatt, et al.
U.S.S.N. 09/446,799
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Our Ref. No.: 48457

J. Sodroski, et al.
U.S.S.N. 09/446,820
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Dear Dr. Weinberger:

At this time we are writing to remind you that to obtain a filing date for the above-identified applications in the national stage in the U.S., an executed declaration must be submitted.

We originally sent you on January 10, 2000 copies of the Declaration, Assignment, and small entity documents, shortly after the filing of the U.S. national phase application (on December 22, 1999). Additional reminder letters regarding these documents were sent on numerous occasions including April 3, 2000 (with Notice of Missing Requirements), April 21, 2000 (with Notice of Missing Requirements), and May 22, 2000, as well as by e-mail from DFCI on August 18, 2000.

Please note that the final deadline for responding to the Notification of Missing Requirements (under 35 U.S.C. 371) is **October 11, 2000** for U.S.S.N. 09/446,799 and

September 30, 2000 for U.S.S.N. 09/446,820. Again, we ask that you please have these documents executed and returned to us at your earliest convenience. In the absence of receiving this we will be forced to resort to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a), which will add to the cost.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We will keep you advised of further developments.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,
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